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Rule Analysis for Legislative Review

**Proposed Rules Relating to Grants Supporting Community Child Care Initiatives
DWD 59
CR 06-095**

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rules

Chapter DWD 59 governs the administration of grants to local governments and tribes under the local pass-through program. In recent years, funding for this program has been cut by 86%. The proposed rules simplify the process of applying for and awarding the grants in a manner that will provide for equitable grant making over time while not requiring an overly complicated procedure for distributing the program's limited funding.

Public Hearing Summary

A public hearing was held on August 16, 2006. Jane Ilgen of the Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project commented: "I support this proposed rule change as it will clean up the rule and keep the program manageable. I appreciate that DWD has taken the time to propose the rule change, in turn helping our state government run more efficiently."

No other comments were received.

Response to Legislative Council Staff Recommendations

All comments were accepted.

Changes to Analysis Prepared under s. 227.14, Stats.

In response to Legislative Council comments, headings were modified and rearranged and language describing the department's adjustment of the grant match percentage so the dollar amount can be expressed in whole dollars was clarified.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule does not affect small businesses.

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